

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1) A method of making a blow-molded tumbler comprising:

(a) injection-molding a preform provided with a neck portion, a body portion and a bottom portion;

(b) stretch blow-molding the preform to form a first intermediate article therefrom wherein the preform is expanded radially as well as axially,

the first intermediate article being characterized by having a neck portion corresponding to the neck portion of the preform, a transition portion adjacent the neck portion of the first intermediate article and a tumbler portion adjacent the transition portion thereof, the tumbler portion of the first intermediate article being further characterized by having a base formed from the bottom portion of the preform and a sidewall formed from the body portion of the preform;

(c) severing the tumbler portion of the first intermediate article from its transition portion to form a second intermediate article having a base corresponding to the base of the first intermediate article and a sidewall extending upwardly therefrom to define an upper aperture, the aperture being generally larger in area than the base of the second intermediate article such that the tumbler portions are stackable; and

(d) fortifying the sidewall of the second intermediate article around the upper aperture to form the tumbler.

2. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of heating the preform after it is injection-molded and prior to blow-molding thereof.